

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
DISTRICT OF MASSACHUSETTS**

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, ET AL.
EX REL. TRICIA NOWAK

Plaintiffs,

v.

MEDTRONIC, INC.

Defendant.

No. 08-cv-10368 (DPW)

Judge Douglas P. Woodlock

JOINT STATUS REPORT

The Parties submit this Joint Status Report in accordance with the Court's Order on April 2, 2012 requiring them to submit a status report by April 25, 2012 detailing the status of the alternative resolution efforts in this matter. The Parties report that they have been engaged in mediation before Judge William F. Downes (Ret. Chief Judge D. Wyoming) on April 18, 24 and 25. Medtronic has agreed to provide the plaintiff with additional time to consider a settlement offer that is the product of this mediation. The Parties will file a supplemental report with the Court on Friday April 27, 2012.

Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that a true and correct copy of the foregoing document was served upon all counsel of record via ECF electronic filing on April 25, 2012.

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